

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1 and 13 are currently being amended.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-10, 13-40 and 42-50 remain pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-10, 14-24, 39-40 and 42-50.

Objections

Claims 1 and 13 were objected to for certain informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 13 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, the objection to the claims should be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13 and 25-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0089968 to Johansson *et al.* (hereinafter "Johansson") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0121785 to Vance, Jr. *et al.* (hereinafter "Vance"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Embodiments of the present application relate to obtaining, tracking and maintaining a packet switched network address of client devices that are capable of packet switched communication with the network. In accordance with embodiments of the present invention, a client device is configured to send a packet switched network address when a packet

switched data network assigns the client device a new packet switched network address. Accordingly, notification and configuration protocols are provided wherein the client device may move from one zone to another, is in need of a DHCP renewal or is shutting down, thus requiring re-registration of a new packet data network address to be assigned. See e.g., Specification, paragraphs [0043]-[0044]. Further, in accordance with embodiments of the present invention, after a predetermined time period of not receiving communication, a new circuit switch message may be sent. Accordingly, independent claim 13 recites “wherein the central authority is further configured to send a new circuit switch message to the client device if the client device has not communicated with the central authority for a predetermined time.” Independent claim 25 recites a similar feature.

In the Office Action dated September 19, 2008, the Examiner acknowledges that Johansson fails to teach or suggest at least this feature. See Office Action dated September 19, 2008, Page 3. Instead, the Examiner cites Vance as allegedly disclosing this feature. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner’s interpretation of the disclosure of Vance as applied to the pending claims.

Vance discloses a message transmission system in which a message server sends short message service (SMS) messages to a client device in a GPRS environment. The server first sends a “wake-up” message to the client device in order to determine if the device is responsive and in which type of service the client is utilizing to communicate (i.e., GPRS, SMS). The Examiner Vance as disclosing the above-noted feature of the pending claims at Vance, Figure 6 (blocks 602 – 604). Applicant respectfully notes that a careful reading of Vance contradicts the Examiner’s interpretation.

Specifically, in accordance with the cited Figure 6 of Vance and the corresponding description, once the server sends the original SMS message to the client, a predetermined time period without a response (“answer”) is decided by the lack of response to the original message. When such a determination is made, the message is timed out. There is no teaching or suggestion of sending “a new circuit switch message to the client device.”

Therefore, Johansson and Vance, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest at least the above noted features of the pending claims. Accordingly, independent

claims 13 and 25 are patentable. Claims 26-38 depend, either directly or indirectly, from allowable claim 25, and are, therefore, patentable for at least that reason, as well as for additional patentable features when these claims are considered as a whole.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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